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[REDACTED] note: Although the information in this report precedes the 30 June Soviet repatriation announcement, it is interesting in that it indicates large-scale repatriation preparations in Tientsin during June.)

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1. In March 1947 the Tientsin Soviet Consulate advised all Soviet citizens to take preliminary steps for repatriation, but no real action was taken. On 1 May the Consulate received orders to determine the number of Soviet citizens in Tientsin and to register those willing to be repatriated. Approximately 600 persons had registered by 1 June. Final instructions from Moscow were expected at the end of June, possibly for a general repatriation. 25X1X6

2. The first question asked registrants for repatriation is whether or not they have US \$70 for traveling expenses and US \$100 to live on for two months after arrival at their destination. No commitments are made as to destination. Those who do not possess such funds are promised free passage on condition that they surrender 5% of their earnings until obligations thus incurred are paid up. Quite a number of young Soviet citizens signed up because they believe salaries will be good in the USSR. Particular interest has been shown in those registrants who have a knowledge of foreign languages. 25X1X6

3. Among those receiving permits for entering the USSR were a number of young people and a few of the older Soviet citizens, including Archbishop Victor. (Shanghai note: The "permits" may have been (a) receipts for citizenship application papers, (b) citizenship papers, or (c) passports. However, it has been announced officially that all applications for Soviet entry visas made by Soviet citizens in possession of Soviet passports were nullified by the repatriation order of 30 June 1947 and must be renewed.) 25X1X6

Document The Soviet Consul-General in Tientsin, I.F. Kurdyukov, recently stated that

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the Consulate had registered about 1,000 Soviet citizens in Tientsin for repatriation, 800 of whom are unemployed. He told source that the 800 are being repatriated because they cannot make a livelihood in Tientsin and are continually asking the Consulate for financial aid. (Shanghai note: A UP dispatch from Tientsin in the China Press on 11 July states: "Soviet Russians here were officially informed today that the first batch of repatriates is scheduled to sail for Russia on a Soviet ship from Taku in the first week of August. Nearly 1,000 have applied for visas. The first group to leave will include women, children, and youths entering Soviet schools in the next term.")

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